

PORTFOLIO

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INTRO

My passions are built on innovation, creativity and sustainability. I pursue these as an artist, an explorer of the outdoors, a musician, a student of sustainable building design, a quantum practitioner, and as a web developer. I relish finding the common threads that weave their way through each of these aspects of my work.

Intentions:

To create and invent.

To question, and explore new ways of being.

To live fully, shake up our views, and seek a richer perspective on everything we encounter in our lives.

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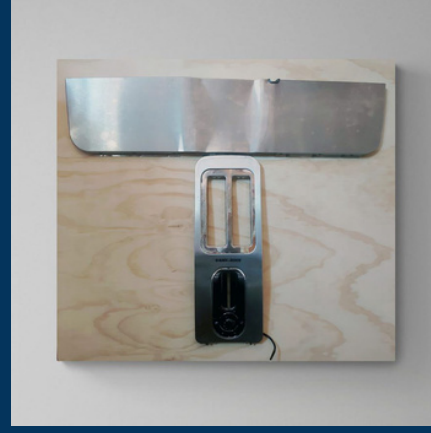
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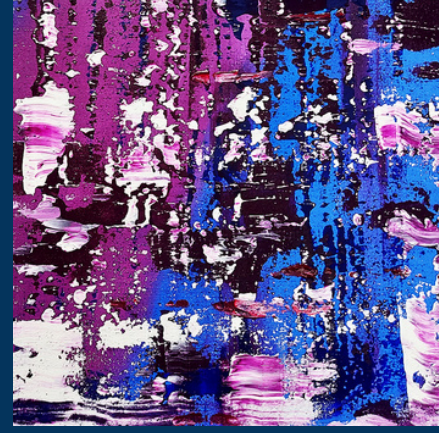
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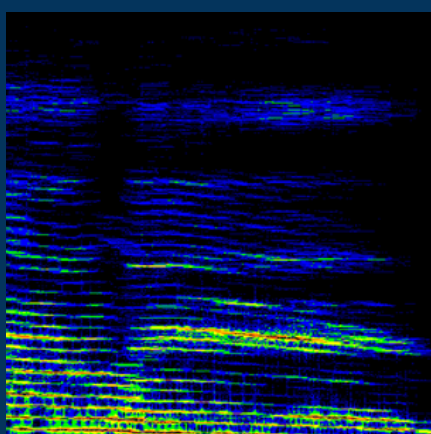
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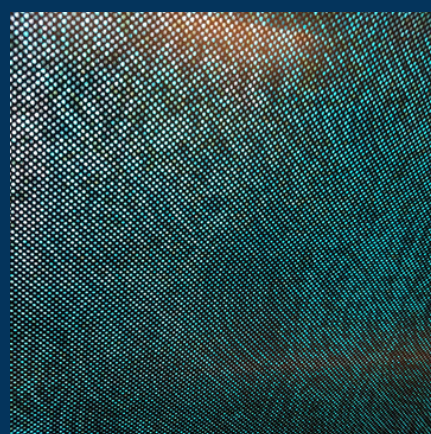
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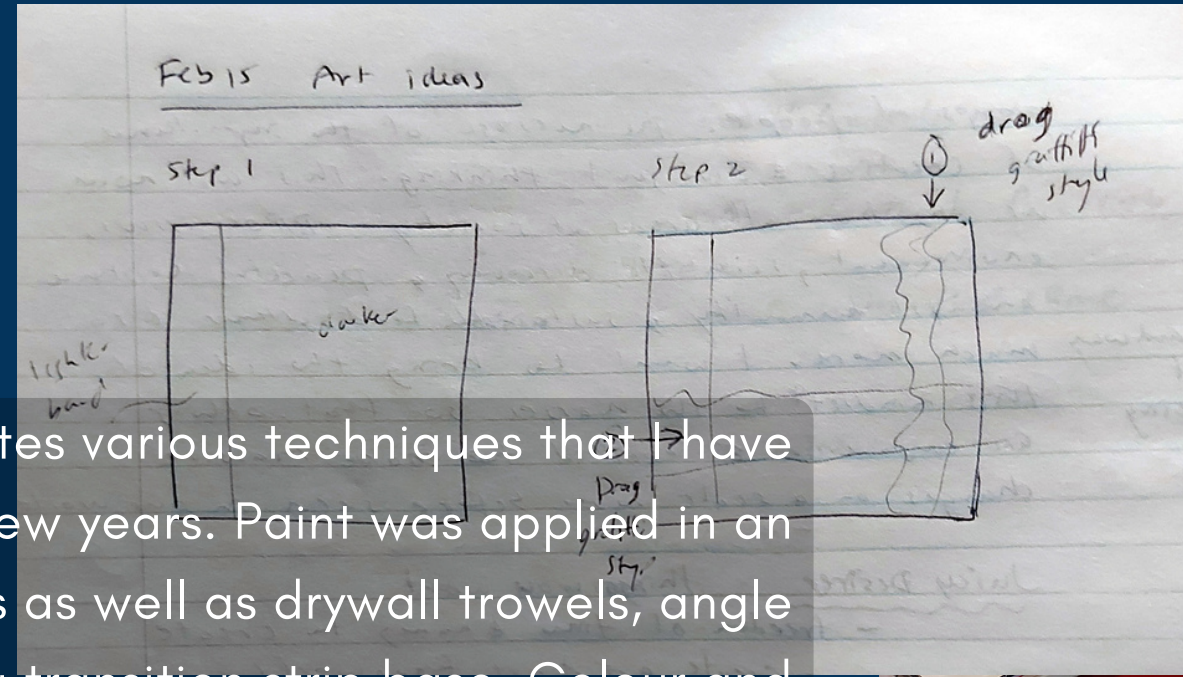


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YELLOW GREEN FOUNDATION

ACRYLIC ON CUSTOM CANVAS

2021



This piece demonstrates various techniques that I have developed over the last few years. Paint was applied in an abstract style with brushes as well as drywall trowels, angle iron, and laminate flooring transition strip base. Colour and texture are an important part of many of my projects,

providing visual cues to the contrast between our natural environment and the built environment.



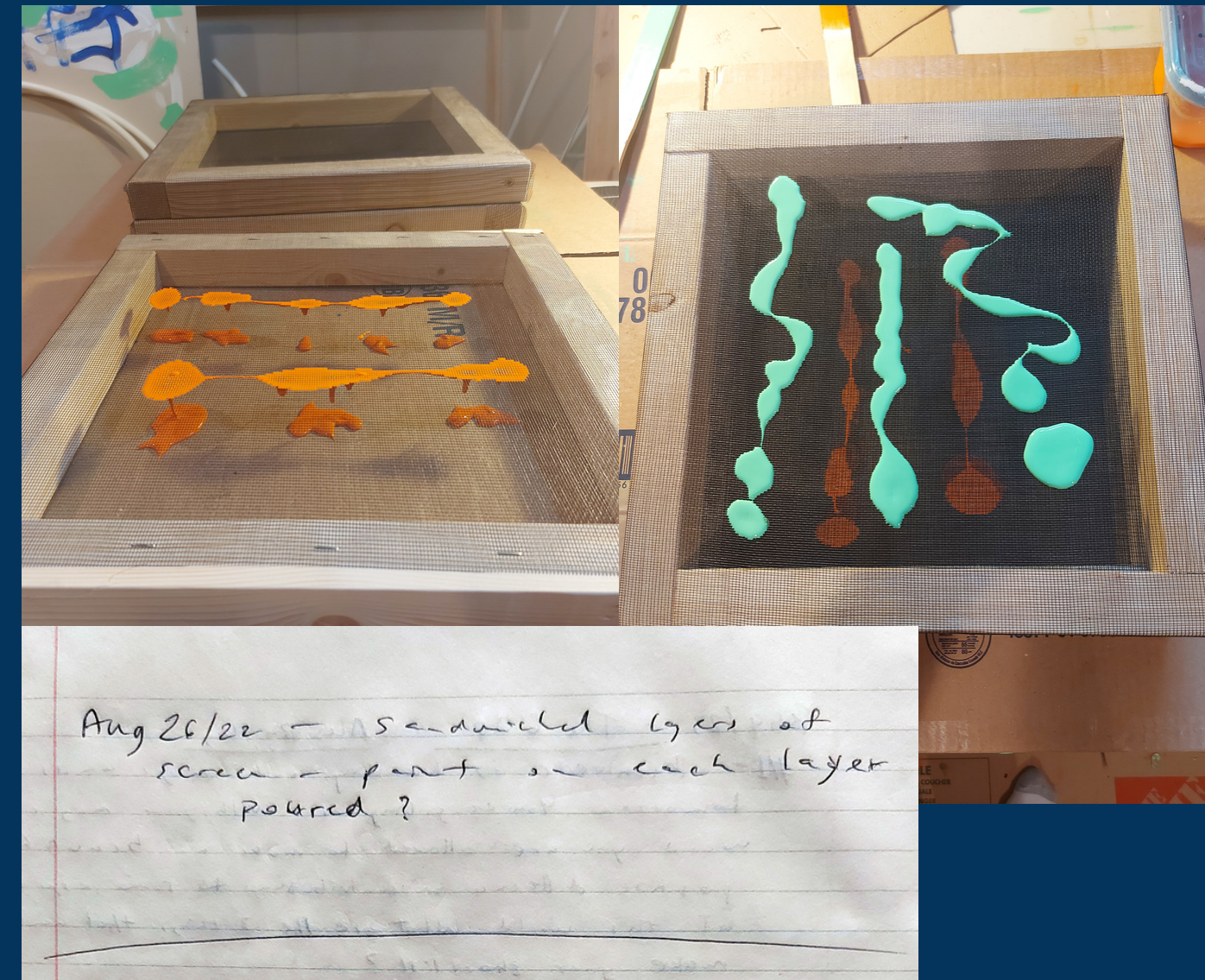


IDEAS

LAYERED SCREEN PAINTINGS

FIBREGLASS SCREEN, LATEX PAINT

2023



I have developed and explored a number of innovative processes in painting over the last few years. This particular layered approach, utilizing standard window screen sandwiched between three wooden frames, brought physical depth to the project. Watching the paint drip through the screens and discovering the changes over time was a rewarding part of the process.



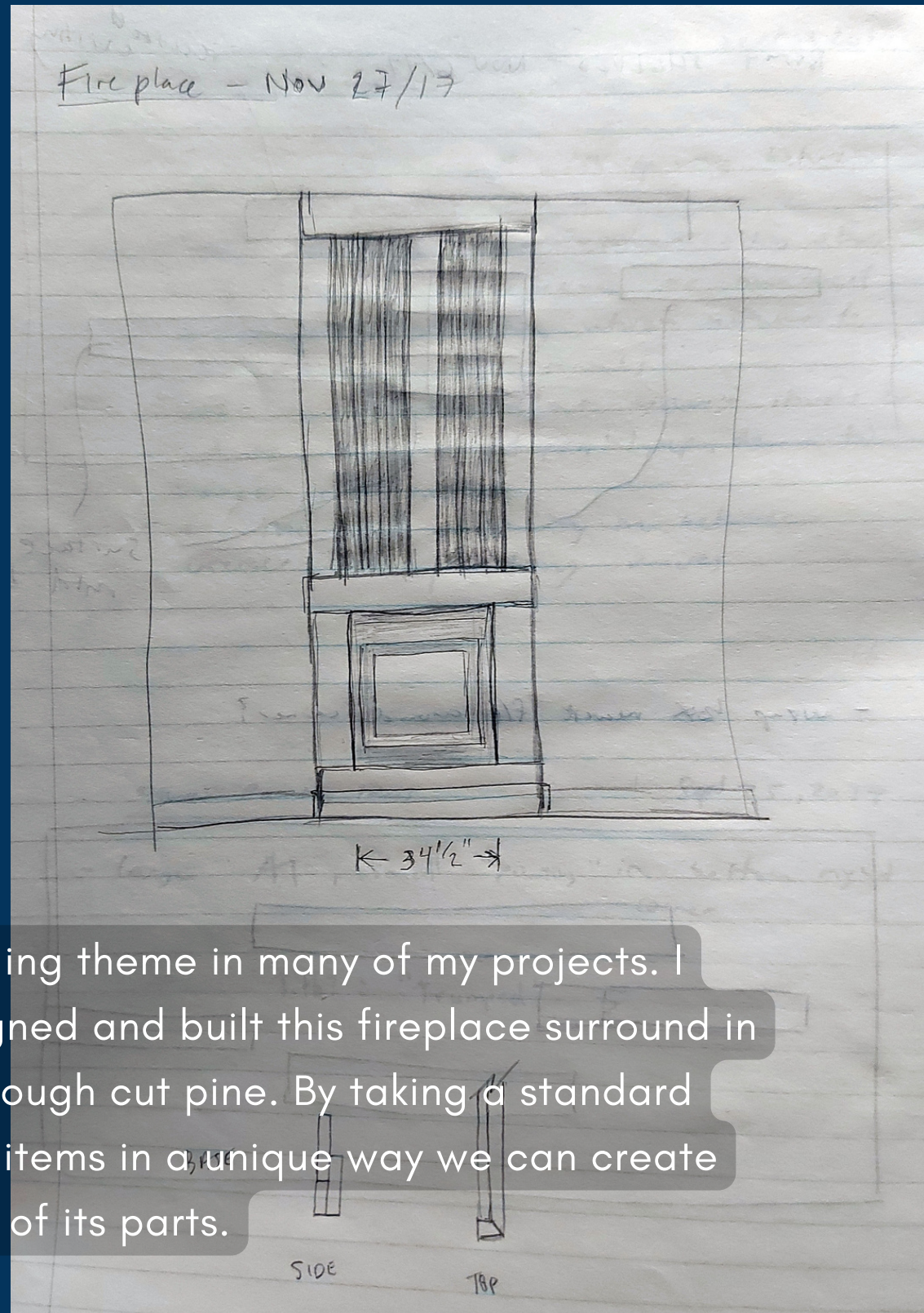


DEPTH

FIREPLACE SURROUND

ALUMINUM SIDING AND ROUGH CUT PINE

2017



Creative use of materials is a prevailing theme in many of my projects. I came up with the concept and designed and built this fireplace surround in my home using aluminum soffit and rough cut pine. By taking a standard product and combining it with other items in a unique way we can create something that is more than the sum of its parts.

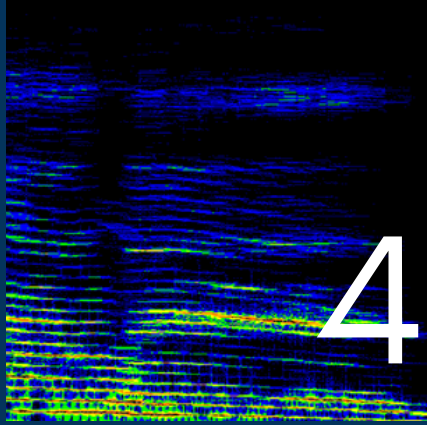




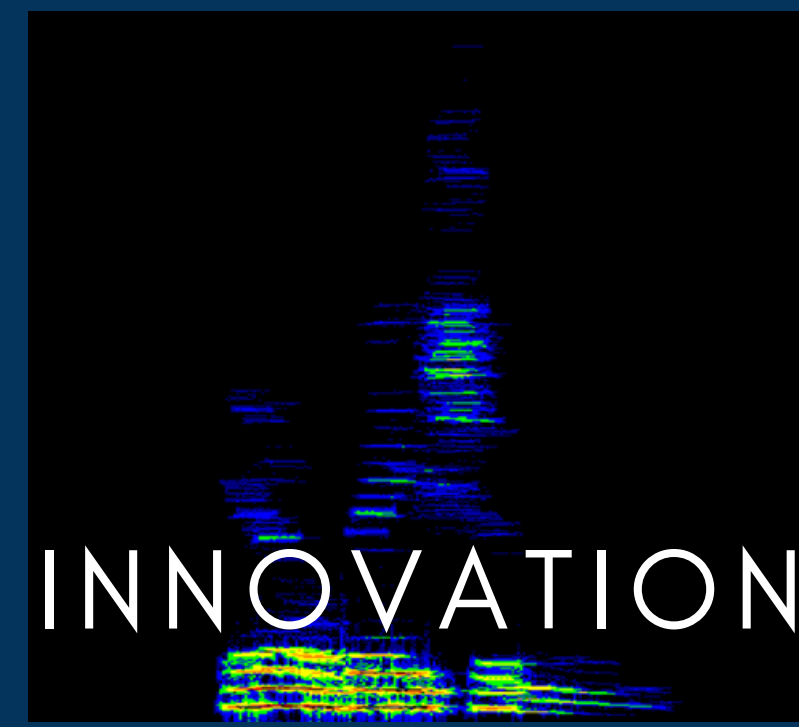
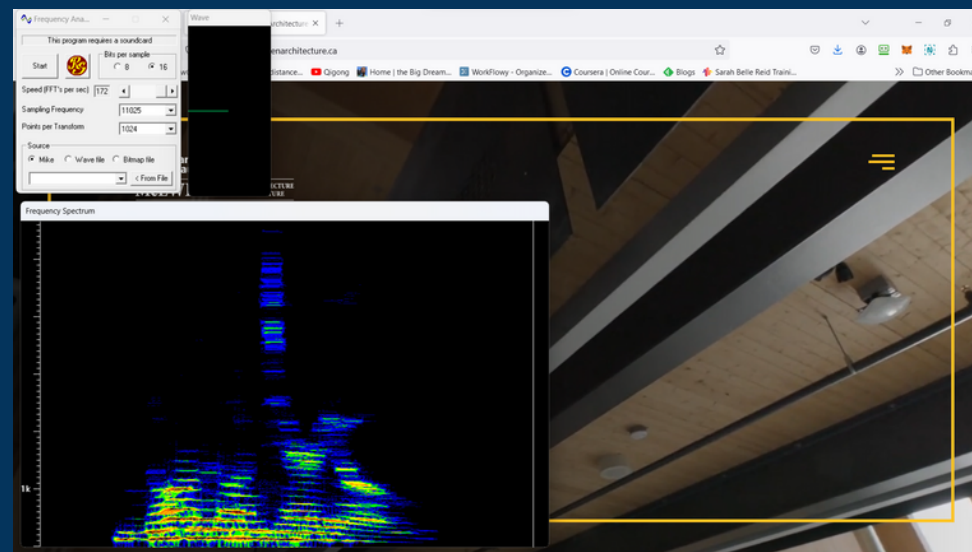
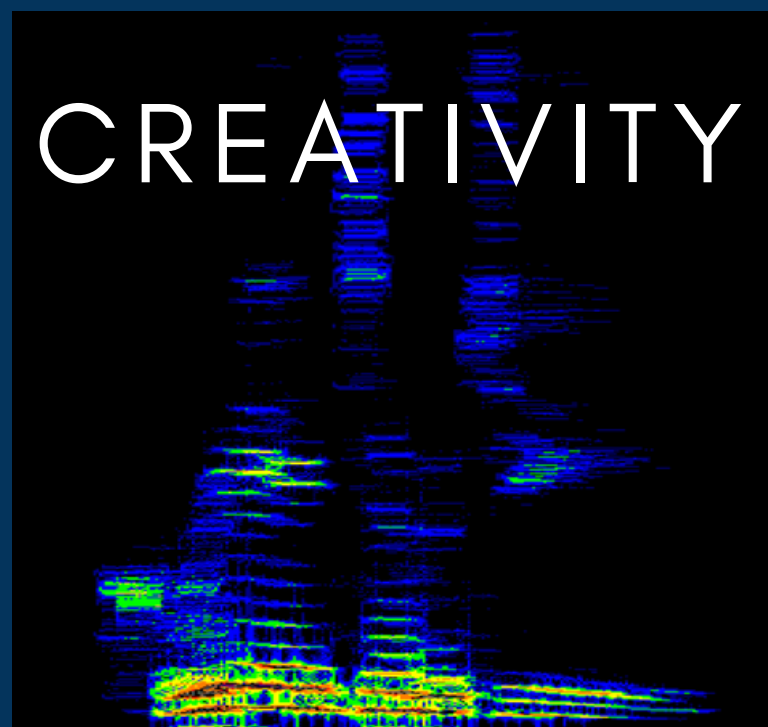
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SOUND IMAGES

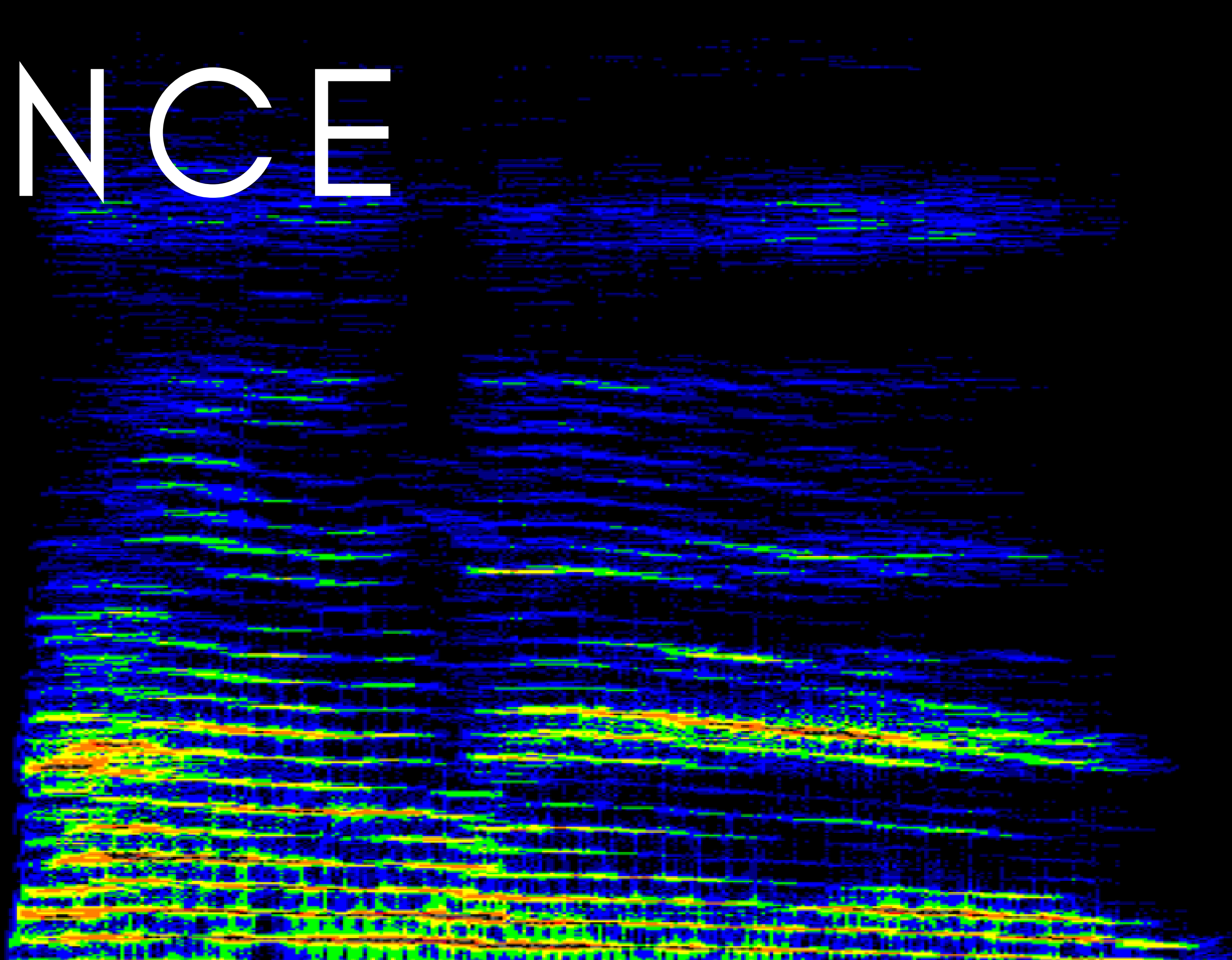
VISUAL DIGITAL VOICE RECORDING
2021



I also have a passion for music and have taken a number of courses. This project was inspired by “The Technology of Music Production” course through Berklee. We were introduced to Frequency Analyzer software, which creates an imaged representation of sound. The frequency spectrum component created visually compelling output that I wanted to explore further. For each of these digital canvases I recorded myself saying a particular word and captured the frequency spectrum from the software.



BALANCE

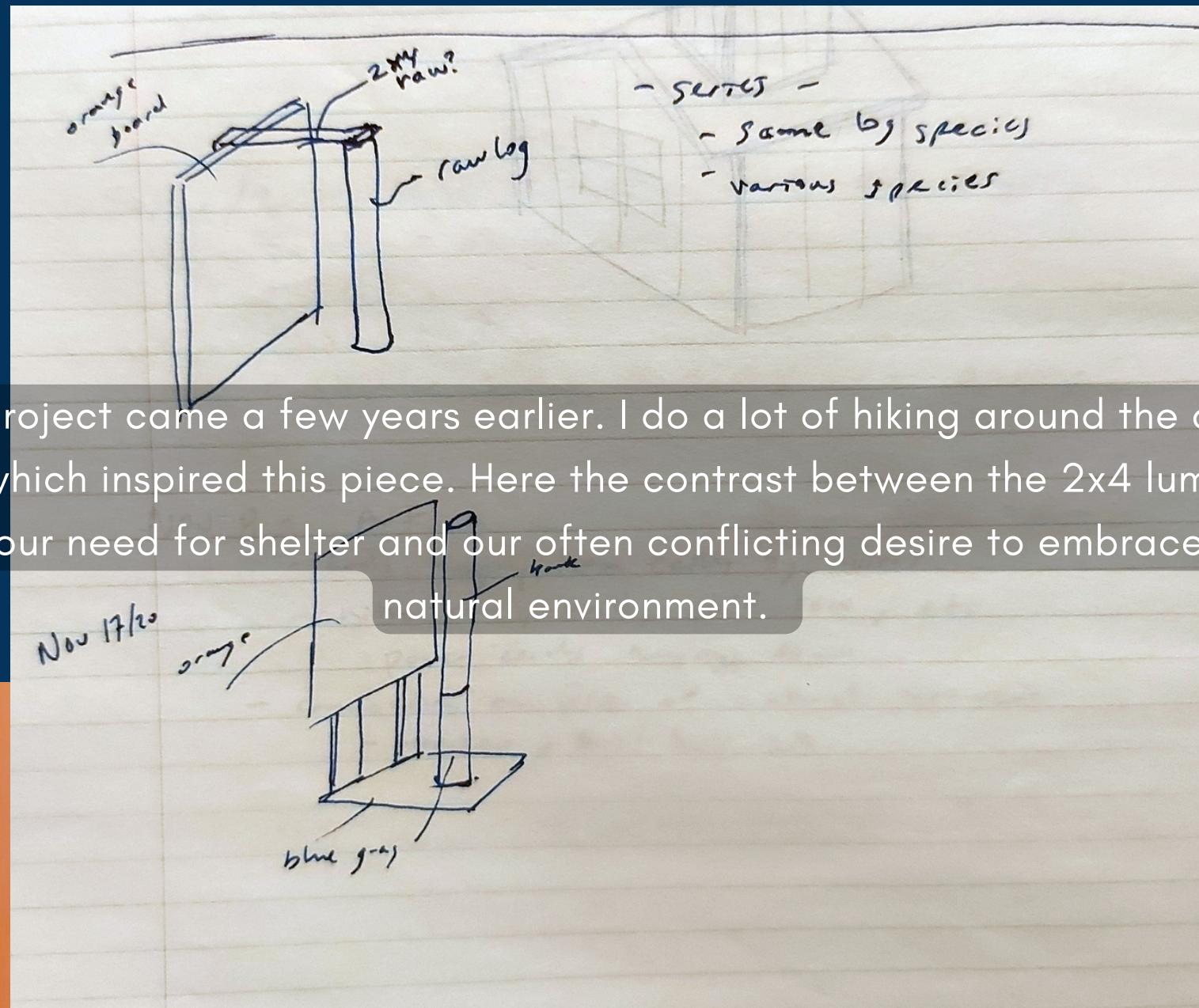


ORANGE PANELS

LOGS, LATEX PAINT, 2X4 LUMBER, HARD PANEL
2023



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The vision for this project came a few years earlier. I do a lot of hiking around the area that I live in Northern Ontario, which inspired this piece. Here the contrast between the 2x4 lumber and the raw logs is symbolic of our need for shelter and our often conflicting desire to embrace and protect the natural environment.

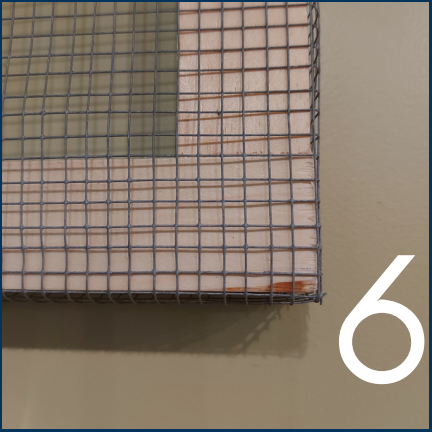




NATURE

MIRROR SCREEN "PAINTINGS"

CHICKEN WIRE, FIBERGLASS SCREEN, MIRROR, 2X2 LUMBER
2022



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These are experiments in minimalist "paintings" that contain no painting at all. One has a wooden frame with a mirror behind and a fiberglass screen "canvas" surface. The second piece has a wooden frame wrapped in 1/4" chicken wire, which allows the viewer to see the wall behind.



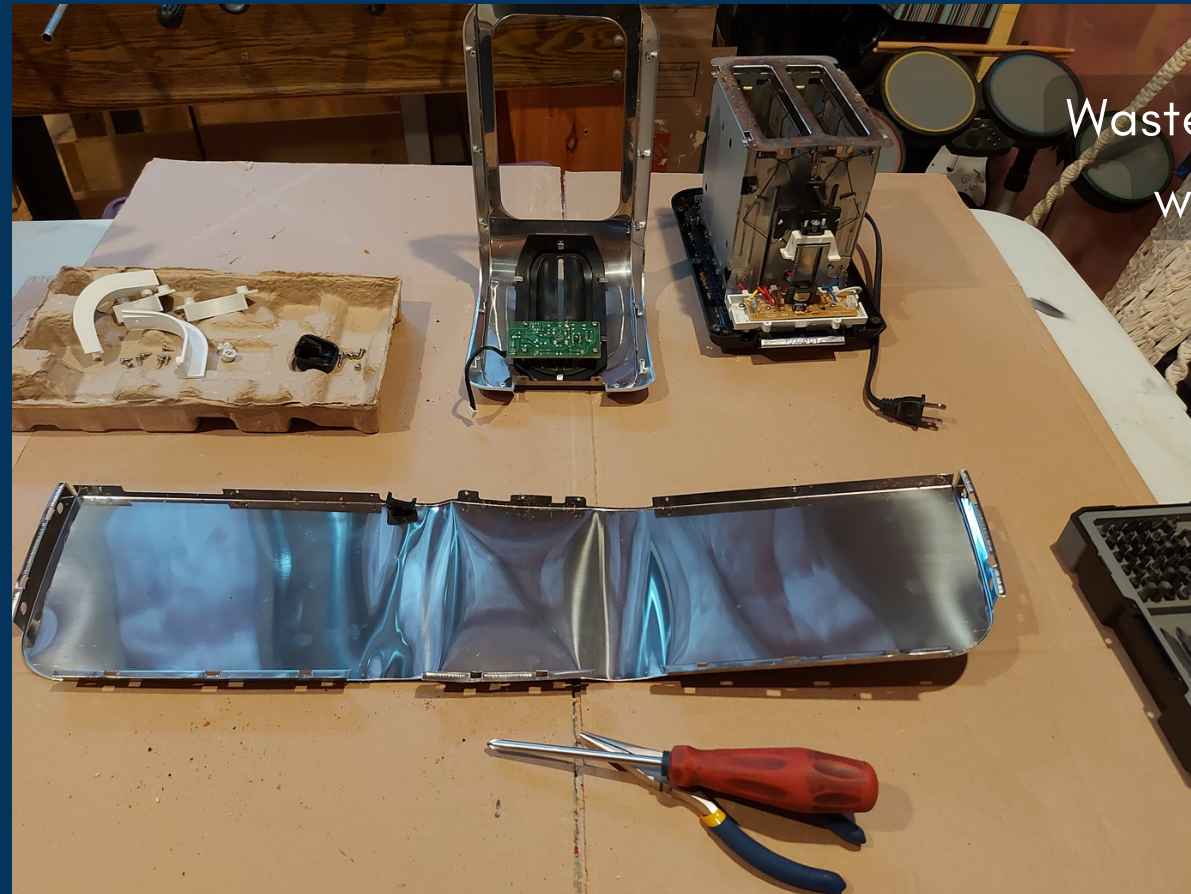
The goal: Encourage the viewer to question their own assumptions about the way things are "supposed" to be.



PERSPECTIVE

DECONSTRUCTED TOASTER

TOASTER PARTS ON PLYWOOD
2021



Waste, put to a new use in a creative, innovative or unexpected way can bring joy to a person in a subtle or more overt way.

Life - Filled.



WHIMSY



SURFACES

VIDEO COLLAGE OF PHOTOS, ORIGINAL MUSIC SOUNDSCAPE
2020



This project is a collection of photographs that I took over a period of 2 years. They were compiled into a video presentation, including original music/soundscape that I created in FL Studio Mobile. The photos were selected for their two dimensional qualities and visual interest, found within the details of the various materials that are featured.

TEXTURE



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BATHROOM BUILD

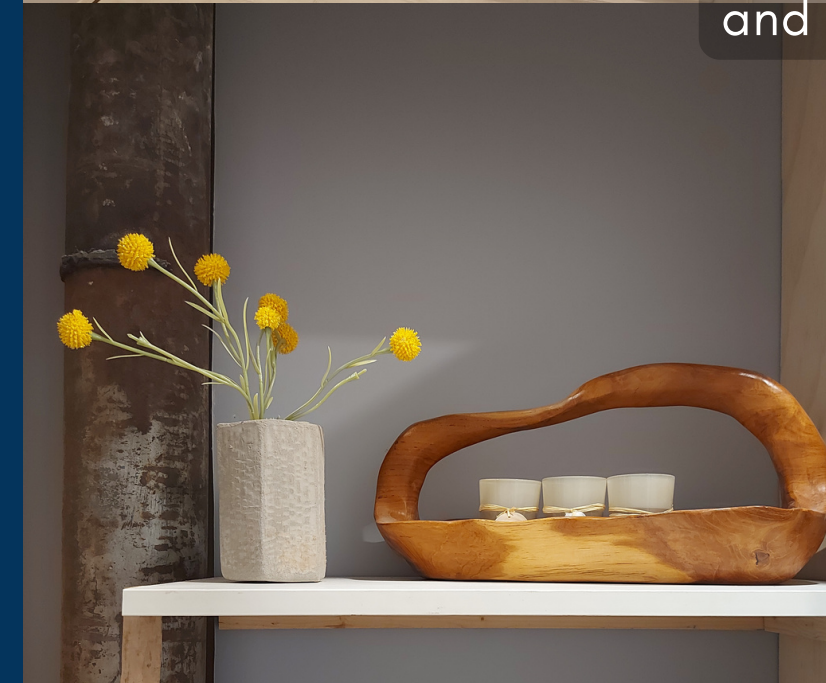
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BATHROOM
2020



My experience includes many building projects, including this bathroom build. I completed all aspects of the project including design, materials procurement, concrete removal, plumbing, electrical, drywall, and ceramic tile.



Repurposed doors were used on the custom cabinets, and the existing metal support post was left exposed inside the cabinets to add an interesting industrial contrast.



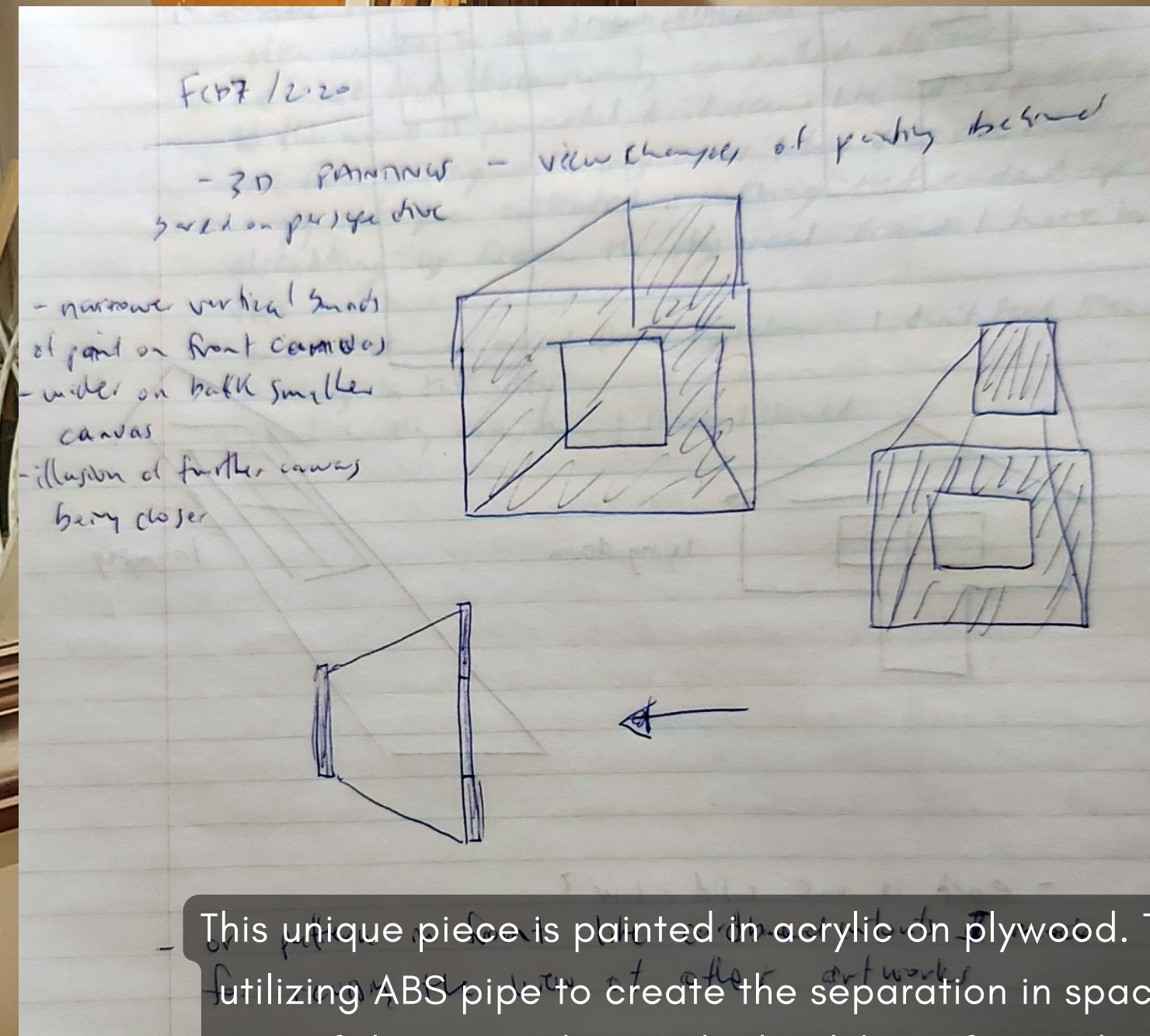


REPURPOSE

3D PAINTING

LATEX PAINT, PLYWOOD, ABS PIPE
2021

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This unique piece is painted in acrylic on plywood. There are two layers of painted surface, utilizing ABS pipe to create the separation in space between the planes. Variation in the size of the stripes brings the back layer forward visually, creating additional interest and encouraging the viewer to adopt a different perspective.



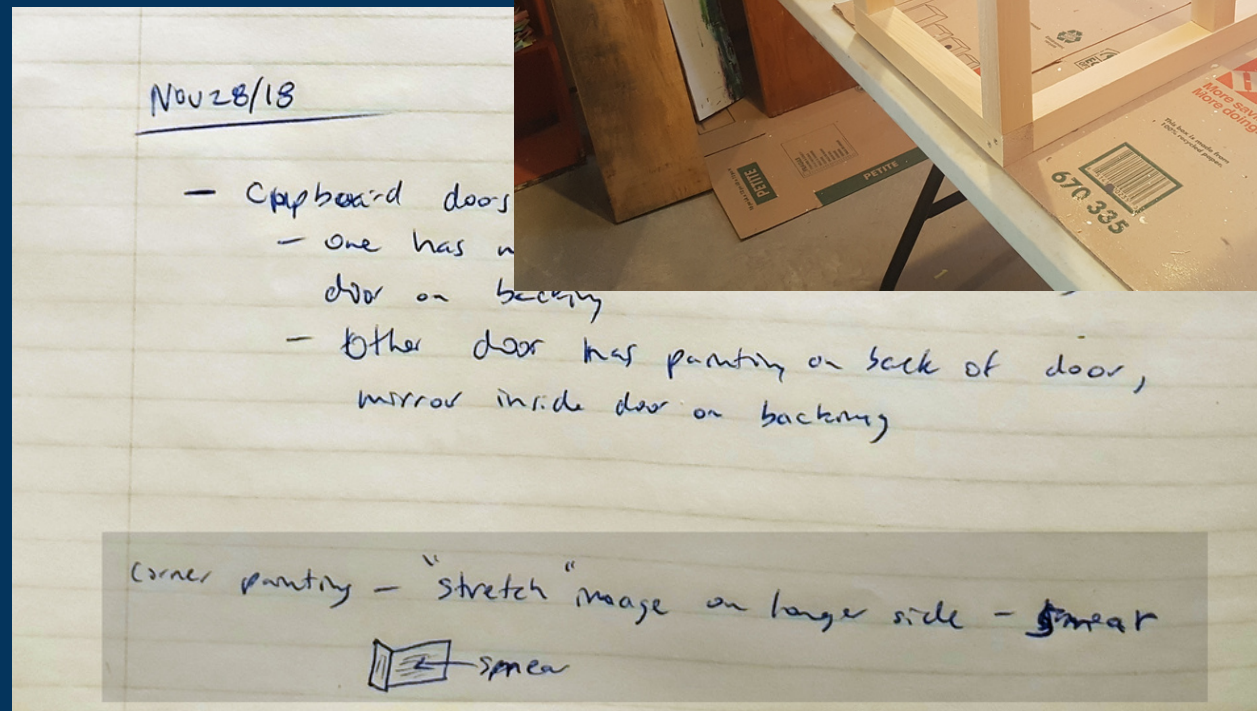
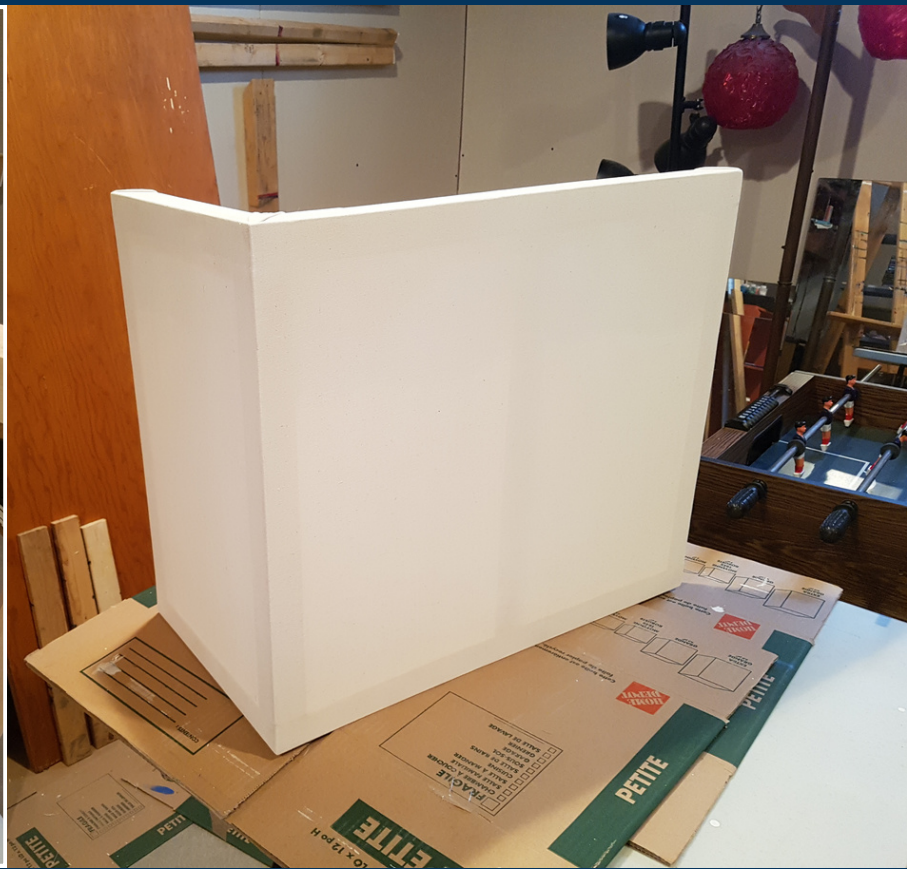


INNOVATE

CORNER PAINTING

ACRYLIC PAINT ON CANVAS

2019



Curiosity brought about this particular project. Could a durable frame be designed to support a stretched canvas around a corner? This was my first attempt and it accomplished that goal gracefully, resulting in a unique piece that provides an element of surprise.

ENGINEER

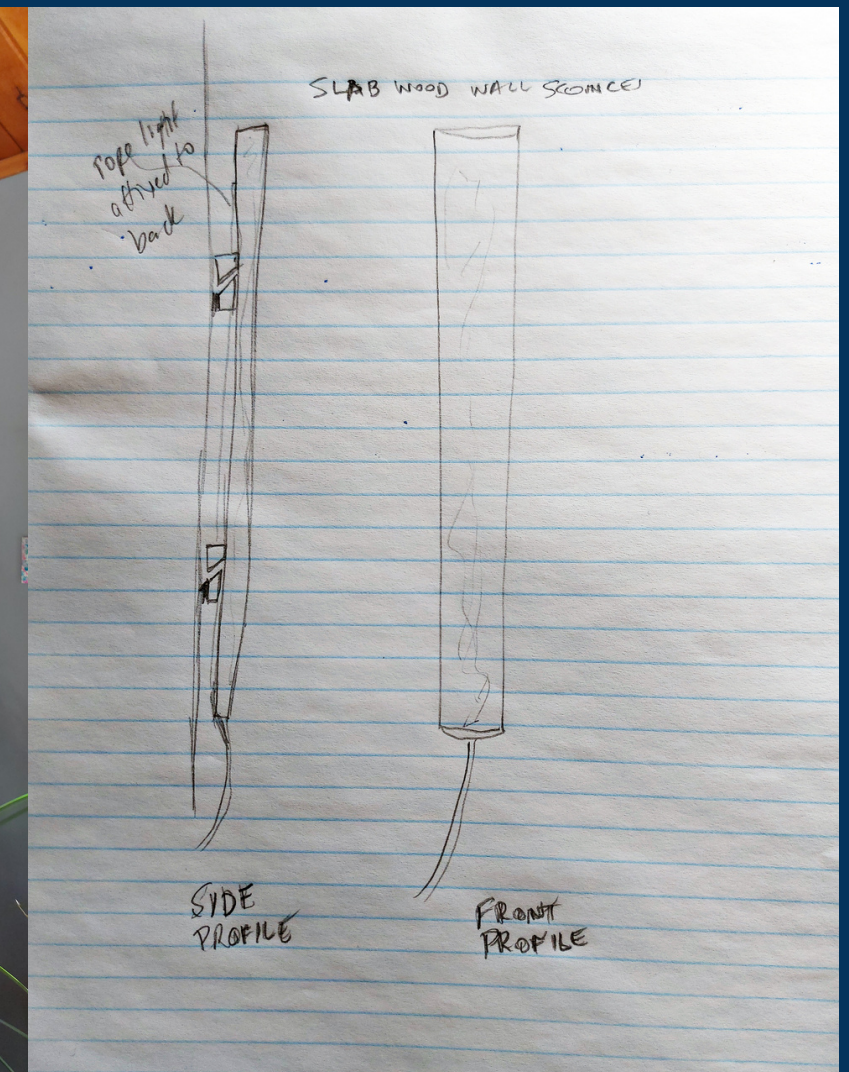


WALL SCONCES

CEDAR SLABS, 2X4 LUMBER, ROPE LIGHTS
2021



Local Northern Ontario Mennonites mill lumber and give away the leftover slabs. The idea behind this project was to find a use for the waste cedar off-cuts, and to create interesting wall hanging lights. The use of French Cleats accomplished the dual task of safely securing the fixtures to the wall and raising them from the surface to create the backlighting effect.



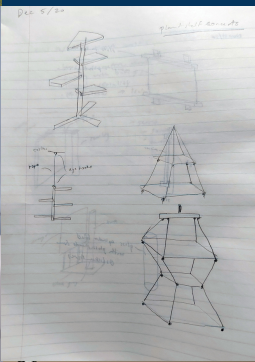
ENVIRONMENT



INNOVATION

CREATIVITY

SUSTAINABILITY



Life is a journey:
 The people you meet, the things you learn, the experiences you have.
 I welcome the chance to further broaden my life as the
 adventure continues.